

Boardman Noble House
671 Front Avenue,
Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan.

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Owner - W. G. Sargent

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Date of Erection - Approximately 1847-8

Architect - Probably Gideon Colton

Builder - Probably Gideon Colton

Present Condition - Is much neglected, being used as a rooming house in a factory district.

Number of Stories - Two, with full attic and basement.

Materials of Construction - Foundation of "river" limestone. Exterior walls of the same material but they were covered over with stucco in 1920. Under the corner porch roof, the stucco is marked off to resemble stone. Interior walls are stone and frame. Wood roof is supported on a timber truss.

Other Existing Records - None discovered.

Additional Data - The recessed entrance with its Ionic columns very closely resembles that of the Eliphalet H. Turner house one block up the street (H A B S project No. D 27-12, recorded in 1934). As that house was designed and built by Gideon Colton, it is extremely probable that the Noble house had the same author. A peculiar feature is the corner two-story porch with its two free standing Ionic columns. The details of this order are well designed and executed.

The interior details of trim are simple and heavy. The only fireplace was walled up prior to 1900.

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